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FM AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5851

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E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CASC, MA

SUBJ: W/W REPPAS

REFS: A) TANANARIVE 1696; B) TANANARIVE 1643

FOR: SCS

1. CONSOFF VISITED REPPAS IN PRISON DEC 11. REPPAS APPEARED WAN, BUT CALMLY COHERENT. RECOUNTED TO CONSOFF DETERIORATING RELATIONS WITH GREEK CODEFENDANT BACOPOULOS, WHO, HE STATES, INCREASINGLY STAYS DRUNK. LATTER WAS IN FACT OBSERVED IN SUCH CONDITION DURING PAST SEVERAL CONSULAR VISITS TO PRISON. REPPAS CLAIMS BACOPOULOS TORMENTS HIM DAILY WITH THREATS OF BLACKMAIL AND PHYSICAL VIOLENCE AND THAT HE THEREFORE IS ATTEMPTING TO AVOID CONTACT.

2. REPPAS TOLD CONSOFF THAT FOR FIRST TIME HE HAS LOST CONFIDENCE IN HIS LAWYER RAVONY. HE ASKED EMBASSY IF MAITRE LABEL (LAWYER FOR DONALD KOPLIN WHO IS NOW FREE) COULD BE CONTACTED CONCERNING POSSIBLE ACCEPTANCE APPEAL CASE. CONSOFF LEARNED LATER SAME DAY FROM LABEL THAT HE HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY RAVONY AND HAD AGREED TO PLAY MAJOR ROLE IN APPEAL. LABEL STATED HIS BELIEF REPPAS BASICALLY INNOCENT. BACOPOULOS, ON OTHER HAND, HE FELT WAS A CROOK OF WORST SORT. APPEAL PROCEEDINGS WOULD PROBABLY BEGIN AT END OF JAN. REPPAS ALSO ASKED EMBASSY/DEPT TO CONTACT BRAD JEFFRIES AND ASK LATTER TO CONTACT AGM FRENCH

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LAWYER DERUE (CORRECTION FROM "LARUE", REFTTEL B, PARA 2) TO

SEE IF HE COULD BE PRESENT AT TIME OF APPEAL HEARING.

3. REPPAS CONCERNED THAT GOMR WILL PURPOSELY ATTEMPT TO DELAY APPEAL, BEYOND NORMAL TIME REQUIRED. IN SUCH EVENT HE WOULD ASK EMBASSY INTERVENE ON HIS BEHALF WITH GOMR, MUCH AS IT HAD PRIOR TO ORIGINAL TRIAL.

4. REPPAS CLAIMS HE WAS TAKEN ON DEC 10 TO SEE "AVOCAT GENERAL". GOMR, ACCORDING TO REPPAS, HAD INTERCEPTED LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN MCCLOSKEY AND ADVOCAT GENERAL WANTED TO KNOW IF LETTER HAD ANY BEARING ON CASE. LETTER, WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY WAS GIVEN TO REPPAS, REPORTEDLY STATED MCCLOSKEY "READY TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS AS TO HOW HE CAN BE OF FURTHER HELP." (CONSOFF NEVER SAW LETTER.)

5. EMBASSY RECEIVED DIP NOTE DEC 10 WITH COPY 49-PAGE LONG VERDICT. POUCHES SCS DEC 11. COMMENTS FOLLOW SEPTTEL.

6. ACTION REQUEST: IF DEPT PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION, PLEASE PASS REPPAS REQUEST (PARA 2) TO JEFFRIES.  
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